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3 1. A method for use in a graphical user interface configured to support
4 a login operation, the method comprising:

5 displaying at least one user input field within a graphical user interface,
6 wherein the at least one user input field is configured to operatively receive user
7 input associated with the login operation;

8 determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user input; and

9 if conditions allow for the reception of the user input and it is determined
10 that there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user input for the login
11 operation, then automatically displaying reminder information associated with the
12 user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user
13 interface.

14 4. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the user input field is
15 configured to input a password.

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17 5. The method as recited in Claim 4, wherein the reminder information
18 includes user provided password reminder information.
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1 9. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable
2 instructions for causing at least one processing unit to support a login operation by
3 performing steps comprising:

4 displaying at least one user input field on the display within a graphical
5 user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is configured to operatively
6 receive user input associated with the login operation;

7 determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user input;

8 determining if there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user
9 input for the login operation when conditions allow for the reception of the user
10 input; and

11 automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user
12 input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface
13 based on the failure to operatively receive correct user input.

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15 12. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 9, wherein the
16 user input field is configured to input a password.

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18 13. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 12, wherein the
19 reminder information includes user provided password reminder information.
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17. An arrangement comprising:
memory;
a display device;
a user input device; and
a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the display device and the
user input device, the processor being configured to:
display at least one user input field within a graphical user interface on the
display device, wherein the at least one user input field is configured to
operatively receive user input associated with the login operation;
determine when conditions allow for the reception of the user input;
determine if there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user
input for the login operation when conditions allow for the reception of the user
input; and
automatically display reminder information associated with the user input
field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface based on
the failure to operatively receive correct user input.

20. The arrangement as recited in Claim 17, wherein the user input field
is configured to input a password.

21. The arrangement as recited in Claim 20, wherein the reminder
information includes user provided password reminder information previously
stored in the memory.

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1 Marked-up version of the amended claims:

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3 1. (Once Amended) A method for use in a graphical user interface
4 configured to support a login operation, the method comprising:

5 displaying at least one user input field within a graphical user interface,
6 wherein the at least one user input field is configured to operatively receive user
7 input associated with the login operation;

8 determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user input; and
9 if conditions allow for the reception of the user input and it is determined
10 that there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user input for the login
11 operation, then automatically displaying reminder information associated with the
12 user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user
13 interface.

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15 9. (Once Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-
16 executable instructions for causing at least one processing unit to support a login
17 operation by performing steps comprising:

18 displaying at least one user input field on the display within a graphical
19 user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is configured to operatively
20 receive user input associated with the login operation;

21 determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user input;
22 determining if there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user
23 input for the login operation when conditions allow for the reception of the user
24 input; and

1 automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user
2 input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface
3 based on the failure to operatively receive correct user input.

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5 17. (Once Amended) An arrangement comprising:
6 memory;
7 a display device;
8 a user input device; and
9 a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the display device and the
10 user input device, the processor being configured to:

11 display at least one user input field within a graphical user interface
12 on the display device, wherein the at least one user input field is configured
13 to operatively receive user input associated with a login operation;

14 determine when conditions allow for the reception of the user input;
15 determine if there has been a failure to operatively receive correct
16 user input for the login operation when conditions allow for the reception of
17 the user input; and

18 automatically display reminder information associated with the user
19 input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user
20 interface based on the failure to operatively receive correct user input.